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I am opposed to RM-11306 and its premise to regulate by bandwidth vice mode. My reasoning is simple. I do not want to see a bandwidth limitation on the AM mode or any other "wideband" mode as some other "in favor" amateurs have made known in this comment period.

Some of those who are filing comments in favor of RM-11306 are simply filing under the guise of eliminating antiquated modes and who feel those who operate these modes are simply operating these modes for nostalgic reasons. Nothing could be further from the truth. I have been licensed since 1982 and operate many modes including AM. I have had the fortunate experience of being taught by a seasoned radio amateur who took the time to properly teach me the 5wpm code, radio theory and proper amateur operating practices so I could obtain my amateur novice license and have a solid methodology for upgrading. Not only did his methodology help me obtain the license but it also gave me the knowledge to not be afraid to experiment, to operate without fear of causing interference and operate properly. It was instilled in me as a novice licensee that I must know at all times what my transmitters are doing and that still applies to today. I also walked away with a technical knowledge of radio theory and have been able to apply that theory to radio projects to present day. I like AM and experiment with AM. I didn't memorize an exam question pool as some present day amateurs freely admit to doing. What this has done is spawn a bunch of non-experimenting "appliance" operators who do not know how their transmitters and transceivers are supposed to operate thus cause unnecessary interference to those who do know how to operate properly, i.e., the AM community and any other community. Some of these operators are the biggest offenders yet they have the fortitude to attempt to exclude a viable mode by supporting RM-11306 a mode that others and I happen to enjoy.

I repeat, I am opposed to RM-11306. Instead of regulating by bandwidth as RM-11306 is proposing, regulate the offending HF SSB plastic radio operator and make th at operator demonstrate beyond a reasonable doubt that they know what they're doing before giving them a license.

Sincerely,

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